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- ☒ 3. English-language Abstracts of the non-English language references 3, 5 and 6 are attached hereto.

- ☒ 4. A computer-generated English translation of Japanese references 5 and 6 has been obtained from the website of the Japanese Patent Office ([<http://www.jpo.go.jp>]), and is attached, but has not been reviewed for accuracy.
- ☒ 5. U.S. Patents No. 6,322,936 and 6,426,166 are in the same patent family as WO 98/37444.

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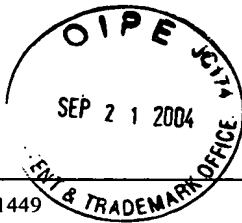
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	3	WO 98/37444 (with Abstract)	8/27/98	PCT			
	4	WO 98/10334	3/12/98	PCT			
	5	JP 7-49413 (with Abstract and machine translation)	2/21/95	JAPAN			
	6	JP 5-72402 (with Abstract and machine translation)	3/26/93	JAPAN			
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